

PRINTISS WOMAN IS CRUELLY ASSAULTED

By Three Men and E. G. Walker is under Arrest Charged with Being Implicated.

FAIRMONT, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Florence E. Tennant, the young wife of St. Tennant, of Fairmont, was brutally assaulted by three men recently as she was on the road going toward her home from a store in Prentiss. Her clothing was nearly torn from her body and it was only after her cries for help alarmed the neighborhood that the men looted their hold and made their escape. E. G. Walker was later arrested and held for court on a bond of \$1,500 as being one of the parties implicated.

William Melvin, aged 25 years, died Tuesday in Cook hospital after an illness of tuberculosis. He had been a patient there for several weeks. Funeral services were held Wednesday at his home in Mannington.

A petition is being circulated in Mannington district asking the county court to call a special election to authorize another bond issue of \$300,000, for money to be used for the permanent improvement of the roads. The same amount was just recently spent but the task was not completed.

Mrs. Ellen Horan, wife of the late Lawrence Horan, died at her home in this city Wednesday, following an illness of two weeks. She was one of the best known citizens of the city. Funeral services were held Friday morning at St. Peter's Catholic church.

An announcement just made by General Manager Smith Hood, of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company, says that there is a strong probability that 100 miles of new trolley lines will be built in the state before long, one running from Weston to Glenville and Parkersburg, and another from Clarksburg to Salem. Mr. Hood has just returned from a trip with a party of traction officials and capitalists in which the new routes were inspected.

Gabriel Keray of Gary, Ind., tried this week before United States Commissioner Charles R. Lilly, of Gratton, on a charge of forging a name to two United States postal money orders. Keray was arrested in Fairmont by United States Inspector J. M. Hunter.

Isaac H. Rice, a Union veteran of the Civil war died Wednesday at the Cook hospital where he had been taking treatment for some time. Funeral services were held Friday morning, the Grand Army of the Republic post attending in a body.

Announcement has been made by G. O. Wilson, superintendent of the city schools, that the Fairmont independent district schools will open Monday, September 13.

Citizens of Locust street held an important meeting Tuesday evening of the week when improvements of the Locust avenue section were discussed. Widening of the street is being contemplated.

The Italian residents of Fairmont celebrated the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on Monday. A large celebration was held at the St. Joseph Catholic church and fire works were set off in the evening.

The Arnett family held its annual reunion at Oak Grove near Arnett on Sunday and about 2,500 people were present. An all day program was carried out and a noon day feast spread beneath the trees.

The entertainment committee of the Country Club has arranged for a series of dances and entertainments at the Club during the remainder of the summer, the first being held on Tuesday evening.

Several Fairmont educators are this week engaged in instructing teachers in the various parts of the state. Professors Joseph Roeder and George H. Colebank, and Walter Barnes are engaged in the work.

Mrs. Mary Hammond, mother of Judge W. S. Hammond, of this city, was taken to her summer home at Mountain Lake Park for the removal of a cataract from the eye. The operation is thought to have been successful.

The August term of the Marion county intermediate court convened Tuesday morning with Judge George A. Vincent on the bench. A large amount of chancery business has been disposed of this week, but no criminal cases will be tried during the term as no jury was summoned.

David Nuzum, a well known citizen of Shinnston, died at his home in that town Monday evening after a short illness following an operation. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon and interment was made at the Shinn's run church.

Hundreds of persons from all over the northern part of West Virginia were present at Loop park Thursday for the reunion of the Morgan family, one of the oldest families in this section. An excellent program was carried out at the annual meeting.

Company H of Fairmont of the First Regiment, wrestled the Davis cup from Terra Alta in the rifle shoot held at Parkersburg this week. The Fairmont team made a score of 263 out of a possible 300.

Invitations have just been issued by the Fairmont Country Club to tennis players throughout the country to take part in the seventh annual tournament to be held at the club grounds beginning August 30. A large number of prizes will be awarded the winners.

The Tetrick family reunion was held Sunday at Stirrins Mills near Virops and was largely attended by friends and members of the family.

BUCKHANNON HAPPENINGS REPORTED

Correspondent Sends Interesting Budget of News about People There.

BUCKHANNON, Aug. 21.—T. C. Davis, a prominent lumberman of Flatwood, was in town a day or two recently.

S. M. Levinstein and family have gone to Baltimore. The children will remain in Baltimore while Mr. and Mrs. Levinstein will go to New York to buy goods.

Miss Cecelia Alexander has arrived home from a two months visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Denver Picken, of Boston, Mass.

J. G. Mayfield has returned from a visit to Terra Alta.

Miss Myrtle Morgan has returned from a trip to the California exposition.

Mrs. Florence Schobe and Miss Jo McAvoy have returned from an extended visit with Scott Schobe at Denver, Colo.

Ted Robinson, who was here visiting at the home of P. D. Thomas, has returned to his home in Freensburg.

Miss Ethel Beall has returned from a trip to Mountain Lake Park.

Miss Flora Hughes, of Jane Lew, was the guest of relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Skidmore, of Fairmont, spent a recent day with relatives in town.

E. H. Kelley made a business trip to Weston Friday.

Misses Mollie and Virginia Morgan, of Morgantown, are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. C. O. Lathan has returned from a month's visit with her daughter at Hansford.

Miss Mary West is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Paul Langford, of Weston.

Dr. H. P. Schaffer has accepted a position in the G. O. Young drug store.

Ernest Stutzman, of West Milford, was in town recently.

The Rev. M. C. Miles has been appointed assistant principal of the high school at Gassaway.

Misses Pearl Post and Prudence Felton, of Beltsville, were here recently as guests of T. R. Post.

Miss Gertrude Sharps is visiting friends at Rock Cave.

Kenneth Shroyer was at Weston the other day.

George Clark and Paul Forman have gone to Elm Mich., and will bring back two Buick cars.

DUTCH NAVY Kept Busy Exploding Mines Washed upon the Shores of Holland.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 21.—The secretary of the Dutch navy has issued a special proclamation expressing his appreciation of the work done thus far by the Dutch naval mine layers, whose duty since the removal of the mines of other nations which are blown into Dutch territorial waters. More than a dozen of the men have been killed in performing the risky operations of blowing up these mines or taking them apart.

Altogether 234 mines of foreign origin have been washed upon Dutch ground and put out of harm's way.

MONSTER SNAKE Enters Farm House and is Killed in Somewhat Peculiar Manner.

TULLAHOVA, Tenn., Aug. 21.—"There is a big snake in the house, daddy," was the excited cry of the little daughter of Tom Pate, as she ran to where he was plowing in the field. Hastening to the house, which was of log construction, with a "lean to" shed, Mr. Pate found the tall and fat body of a large chicken snake protruding from one of the old sill logs of the division wall.

Being a big husky man, he seized the snake and endeavored to pull it from the log, but couldn't budge it. Going into the lean to he was astonished to see the rest of the snake on the other side of the log. Seeing the hammer and some nails nearby, he decided to fasten the tail to the floor in one room and going into the other using a stick to hold down the snake's head, drove a nail into its neck. Then cutting the reptile in two he got the body out of the log, and upon measuring the pieces it was found that the snake was eight feet and one inch long and ten inches in circumference. This is one of the largest snakes ever killed in this section.

It was so close that they shut off the water to the reservoir, one hundred yards distant, where they were jammed so

Mother of General Lee Slept in Family Vault Long before His Birth

Warfield Lee, of Catlettsburg, Tells Story of Strange Event.

General Robert E. Lee, the military hero and leader of the South, was born fifteen months after his mother was laid to rest in her casket in the family vault on Arlington Heights.

This sounds like a strange phenomenon of nature, but it is true, nevertheless. History so far as it touches the life of this great military genius, fails to mention this incident.

Warfield Lee, of Catlettsburg, is familiar with the story of the incident and occasionally relates it to his acquaintances. And the Catlettsburg man is in a position to know for he is a grand nephew of General Lee. The grand and distinguished military leader was a brother to Warfield Lee's father, Samuel Lee.

Lee's Story. He tells the story as follows: "Light Horse" Harry Lee's wife was in very ill health in 1809. The family physician had pronounced that his skill and knowledge of medical science could not save her life. Her condition grew steadily more precarious until one day four physicians about her bedside pronounced her dead. She lay in state in the great Lee mansion on Arlington Heights for four days. On the fifth day, she was placed in a casket. On the sixth day she was removed to the family mausoleum.

On the seventh day the sexton went into the mausoleum to lay flowers on the casket and sweep the floor, for the day before had been quite rainy and the shoes of those following the distinguished woman to her final rest dropped considerable mud. While sweeping the old sexton heard a weak, far off sounding voice call "Help, help, help." The sexton could not account for the voice unless it were from the dead, and he soon was without the walls of the mausoleum. Arguing to himself that he had been entirely in his imagination, he finally took courage and returned to his sweeping.

Finishing his sweeping he walked to the casket to strew the flowers over the lid. Again he heard that weak, far off voice calling "Help, help, help." He was standing directly over the glass of the lid and saw what he supposed dead woman he saw her lips quiver. The lid was hurriedly removed by him before he summoned assistance. Mrs. Lee was taken from the mausoleum to the house where she soon recovered and lived to a ripe old age.

Son is Born. Fifteen months after the incident Robert E. Lee was born.

The Catlettsburg man is also a descendant of the woman who was laid away for dead. His father was Lunsford Lee, who had an estate in Rockingham county, Va., at the outbreak of the Civil war. The son enlisted in the Eighth Virginia and eight months in the latter outfit he was transferred at the end of the first battle of Bull Run to the Sixth Virginia cavalry. Although belonging to the latter outfit, he spent a little time with it as he was assigned to detached service as a scout.

That he had some thrilling and narrow escapes during the war is at once seen in the bullet holes that scar his body. The ugliest scar he carries is on the throat, received when a cavalryman almost severed his jugular vein with a saber. Seven bullet scars can be seen on his body. To save his life from a bullet wound once, a part of a silver half dollar was in his head to patch up a hole caused by the removal of a part of the skull.

Mr. Lee has been a resident of Catlettsburg for thirty-nine years. In his sixty-seventh year, he enjoys excellent health which he attributes to a physique acquired through the hardships underwent in the four years of war.

Let Wives Go to Jail Rather Than Pay Their Fines

POTTSPY, Pa., Aug. 21.—Rather than pay fines imposed upon their wives for trespassing, John and Michael Bell, of St. Clair, permitted the women to go to jail.

It is alleged the Bell families owned a number of dogs and when these dogs entered a neighbor's field they were penned up. The women, it is alleged, chopped down the fence and set the cows again at liberty. When arraigned before a St. Clair magistrate they were fined, but as the money was not paid the women will be compelled to serve the time out in jail.

POULTRY CARETAKERS SELL FEED FROM CAR

And Eight Are Arrested by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Officers.

CUMBERLAND, Aug. 21.—Eight caretakers in charge of cars loaded with chickens in transport east over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad from St. Louis were taken from a train at St. Louis and arrested at St. Louis on their return from a trip east charged with selling to farmers en route feed that was intended for the poultry. One farmer in the vicinity of St. Louis was also arrested in connection with the affair.

While the caretakers were a number of cars of chickens were taking coal and water the man backed up his wagon and loaded it with the feed carried on the cars for the chickens.

The arrests were made by Baltimore and Ohio officers. The cases

GOVERNOR FAVORS WAR PREPAREDNESS AS PEACE INSURANCE

Chief Executive Makes Fine Address to Militiamen of the State.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 21.—Governor's day at the camp of the state troops here, was made the occasion of an address by Governor H. D. Hatfield, in which he advocated military preparedness for the protection of this nation's interests on land and sea.

The governor expressed the hope that "some constructive plan will be adopted, which will insure our young and growing nation against the great vicissitudes which some of the great nations of Europe have had to submit to and what the state of some of them must be before the ending of the dreadful conflict."

The American people, said the governor, "do not favor militarism, nor living by the sword."

"We are liberty loving, Christian people," said the governor, "but if we will remember our history we know that what we all enjoy of these principles and privileges came out of a war and all that is dear in life. When in the way of sacrifice the way to maintain our prestige is by not disclosing to the world that we are a nation unprotected, but that we are a nation satisfied with being left alone and to be assured that we will enjoy the privileges of our country under the flag of our country, our armament should be powerful enough to insure these rights, and when we do less we repudiate the principles which go to make up the basic fabric upon which our republic rests."

To Insure Peace. "Only by adopting these methods can we insure peace and in that way there will be a greater guarantee that in any dispute which may arise between our republic and other nations such dispute will not be settled by the sword, but in a high and intelligent tribunal of arbitration. The disarmament principle which we hear advocated by some is indeed pitiful and not in keeping with our hardy ancestry. We will have war, discord and dissension which will call for militarism just as long as we have red blood, and when we fail to have this highly nutritious fluid, we will fail in our progress and development."

Duty to Protect. "According to the theory advanced by some we need no army or navy for our protection from the invader without. How would the same theory work in the protection of our citizens within against the lawless class and those who are looking for the acquisition of treasure by stealth? What if we should do away with our police and the many devil officers that hold their position as such as the sufferance of our citizens? Why do we protect our property against conflagration by equipping our cities with the most modern fire fighting apparatus? We do this not only to extinguish the flame of a smaller character, but more especially to prevent those little conflagrations from growing by continuity to disastrous fires. The duty of any government is to protect the person and property of its citizens, and government that is not equipped and refuses to become so, is not worthy of the title of government. A nation that, owing to the lack of force of character of its people, is unable to protect its citizens is to be pitied but a nation that fails through neglect to give this protection, guaranteed to its people by its constitution, is guilty of a crime for which it has no right excuse for such dereliction."

What He Favors. "I therefore favor an army supported by the proper accessories, such as an adequate navy, and all that goes with such military equipment, being powerful enough to maintain respect and obedience for the right and privilege of our citizens, whether on land or sea, or wherever they may go, there should the flag go, if need be for their protection. And the appeal of our most humble citizens, of course, should be harkened to just as readily as if he were worth millions. I favor the development of a merchant marine with the proper protection that will insure the same right and privilege for the commerce and trade of our American product as any other nation, and until this is accomplished for the nation, we will not have attained the high standing in keeping with the idea of the founders of this republic."

"The average American is willing and anxious to serve his country when his services are really needed, but when there is no crisis confronting us as a nation or hovering over the Stars and Stripes, he would prefer to pursue other fields of endeavor. This is a four word presentment of the problem which we must solve as Americans if we expect to place ourselves on a standard of defense that we should rightfully occupy as one of the leading and most powerful nations of the world."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education of Sheets Mills Independent District, for the construction of a two room school building to be built at Sheets Mills, Harrison county, W. Va. Plans and specifications are on file at the office of the Secretary, W. V. Lott, Clerk W. A. R. D. No. 1, also at the offices of the Architect, S. W. Ford, No. 700, Frankfort, Kentucky, and at the offices where they may be examined and signed by persons desiring to submit bids. Bids must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00, which will be returned to the successful bidder upon completion of the work. The successful bidder will enter into contract and give the required bond. Bids will be received until 2 o'clock, P. M., August 27, 1915. The board reserves the right to withhold the award and to retain each bid until the next regular meeting of the board after the bids are opened. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory bond in a sum equal to double the amount of the contract within ten days after the award is made. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the board. ONEY STOUT, President. F. M. STOUT, Secretary. S. W. FORD, Architect.

EXPORT COAL INCREASE BIG

Two Hundred Thousand Tons More Than in 1914, According to Figures.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 21.—Although the coal handled by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for the fiscal year, which ended on June 30 last, decreased as compared with the previous year, the total export shipments of the road from this port increased more than 200,000 tons as compared with 1914. Figures showing the total export shipments at the Curtis Bay and Locust Point piers of the company have just been obtained.

During the twelve months ending with June, 3,553,486 tons of coal were shipped from the piers of the Baltimore and Ohio here as contrasted with 2,964,127 tons for the previous twelve months, or a gain for 1915 of 235,209 tons.

These figures show just how active the export fuel trade in this city has been in the last year, and especially since the European war started. A large portion of these export shipments has gone to the foreign countries in no war war.

In the fiscal year of 1914-5, the Baltimore and Ohio handled 29,959,947 tons of coal over its entire system, as compared with 34,717,156 tons for the previous fiscal year, or a decrease of 5,757,209 tons. This decrease in general shipments is probably due to the fact that there were several months of the year when there was a marked depression in the business world and when, because of idle plants, there was not such a brisk domestic demand for fuel. The demand for coal on this side of the Atlantic, however, has improved recently.

F-4 MYSTERY TO BE SOLVED

Cruiser Maryland Taking Four Huge Pontoons to Raise Submarine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—The mystery of the sinking of the submarine F-4 off Honolulu harbor, which because of the naval authorities being of their inability to raise the vessel from the bottom of the sea, is expected to be solved within the next few weeks. Four pontoons have been completed here for a new effort to raise the submarine, and the naval engineers have no doubt that the vessel, with its ill fated crew, will at last be brought to the surface. The cruiser Maryland is taking to huge pontoons to the harbor of Honolulu, where the F-4 lies under the waves.

Whether the sinking of the vessel was due to explosion, defect of machinery, defect in the material of its construction or to some other cause unknown will be known when the F-4 is brought to the surface. The work of raising the vessel has progressed to such an extent that the F-4 has been brought from a 300 foot depth to a shelving about forty feet under the surface.

The submarine disappeared at the entrance of Honolulu harbor on Thursday afternoon, March 25. When definitely located, some weeks later, it lay on the ocean bed 300 feet below the surface. The work of raising the vessel has been carefully conducted, and the submarine is intact, with its ill fated crew, will at last be brought to the surface. The work of raising the vessel has progressed to such an extent that the F-4 has been brought from a 300 foot depth to a shelving about forty feet under the surface.

The pontoon, especially built to complete the raising of the F-4, are made of metal. One or more of them will be placed on each side of the sunken vessel, and chains will be passed underneath the F-4 and attached to the pontoon, forming a sling. Air pressure will be applied, the water will be blown out of the pontoon, and they will rise to the surface, bringing the submarine with them.

SOME KICKER

Mule Sends Unsociable Horse Thirty Feet into an Old Reservoir.

BELLEVIEW, N. J., Aug. 21.—Angeline is a mule and belongs to Frederick Lake, of this city. Angeline is a terrible kicker. Mr. Lake turned Angeline and two horses out to pasture. The two horses were unsuspicious of the mule's companion ship. Any time Angeline tried to crop grass, one of the horses would interpose. Angeline's patience finally diverged, so the mule kicked one horse into an abandoned reservoir. Onlookers hastened the horse was propelled thirty feet.

It took three hours, twelve men and 300 feet of rope to get Angeline's victim out of the hollow.

W. J. Johnson to Ray Husted, 1 lot, Sandusky addition, Bridgeport.

John K. Teter to George P. and John K. Teter, 13 acres and 2 rods, Coplin's run.